Government of Russia; and Government of India is required. The project envisages an investment of Rs. 2107 crores. Govt. of India's efforts in this direction culminated in the signing of a Protocol in the Fifth Session of Indo-Russian Inter Russian Governmental Commission in November, 1998. In the Protocoal, it has been proposed to use a part of India Rupee Debts as contribution of the Russian side to the Joint Venture Company.

Accordingly, Govt. of India have already formally presented to the Russian side the draft of an agreement which could be signed between the two countires. The response of the Russian Govt. is awaited. However, any scheme to be taken up for modernisation will have to be in accordance with the orders of the BIFR in this regard.

As regards financial assistance to IISCO Govt. of India had released Rs. 10 crores for implementation to VRS scheme in 1997-98 and Rs. 10 crores in 1998-99 for the same purpose. IISCO had incurred Rs. 16.39 crores in 1997-98 for the VRS scheme and as on 22.3.1999 they had utilised Rs. 6.70 crores.

Grant of planning/design allowance to engineers of CPWD

3064. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministerial Anomaly Committee has identified the anomaly in the pay scale of Assistant Engineers of CPWD and recommended higher pay scale to them;

(b) if so, what is the time frame fixed to remove the anomaly;

(c) whether it is also a fact that even after specific recommendations by the fifth CPC, the Planning/Design allowance is not yet granted to Junior Engineers, Engineers Assistant Engineers, Executive of CPWD; and

(d) if so, what efforts are made by his Ministry for granting the allowance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BHANDERU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) It is a fact that an Anomaly Committee constituted in this Ministry had recomended that grant of higher pay scale of Rs. 7500-12000 to all the Assistant Engineers of the CPWD instead of 50% posts as recommended by the 5th Pay Commission. The recommendation of Anomaly Committee are under consideration of the Government. No definite time frame can be fixed for taking a decision in the matter.

(c) and (d) The 5th Pay Commission have recommended grant of Planning/Designing allowance to various categories of officers posted in the Headquarters, Design & Planning Units. The CPWD have proposed that the Planning/Design allowance may be granted to all categories of staff deployed on Planning/Designing work in the Divisions/Circles/Zones as well.

Provision of Electricity and water for Dwarka Residents

3065. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to an article which appeared in the Delhi edition of the Statement dated 13th March, 1999 captioned, "Sinking without a trace";

(b) if so, the reaction thereto;

(c) the details of measures taken with time frame to provide electricity and water supply to Dwarka houses;

(d) whether there is proposal to construct under bride/flyover at the railway level crossing from the IGI airport side to access Dwarka; if so, when this will be operational; and

(e) if reply to part (d) is in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BHANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. All efforts are being made by Delhi Development Authority to provide civic facilities in Dwarka.

(c) In Dwarka the water services are to be provided by Delhi Jal Board (DJB) and electricity by Delhi Vidyut Board (DVB).

WATER SUPPLY

DJB agreed to release 10 mgd. of water from Nangloi water treatment plant which could not be made possible due to non-operation of the plant in the absence of release of water by Haryana Government. However, DJB has released 0.5 mgd. of water for Dwarka in December, 1998. As an interim arrangement water has been provided by the DDA through tubewells.

ELECTRICITY

Regular meetings are held by DDA with the Delhi Vidyut Board to get electrification work expedited.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The planning and construction of bridge/flyover and the approach roads have been taken up by DDA with the concerned authorities. These involve acquisition of land which has already been initated. No specific time frame can be given for this.

HUDCO projects pending with Government

3066. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects pending with Government for which 'HUDCO' has executed agreements and taken advances from the private and public sector companies as on date;

(b) the number of projects so far cleared by the 'HUDCO' and number of projects which have been delayed for necessary clearance as on date; and

(c) the reasons therefor and time by which the said pending projects will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (c) No such projects are pending with the Government. However, HUDCO has allotted space at Bhikaji Cama Place and Andrews Ganj to various private and public agencies. These projects are at various levels of progress/completion as given in statements I and II below.

Statement-I

Status of construction of projects taken up by HUDCO at Bhikaji Cama Place

HUDCO was allotted land through DDA on Plot No. 14, 25 and 26 at Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi by the land and Development Office in 1990. HUDCO has constructed 3 commercial complexes on these plots. The status of these projects is given below:

PROJECT: HUDCO Trikoot on Plot No. 26.

STATUS: Handed over to Central Public Works Department

PROJECT: HUDCO Vishala on Plot No. 14

STATUS: Building has been allotted to Employees Provident Fund Organisation and Unit Trust of India. Formal handing over and taking over with the allottees is in progress.

PROJECT: August Kranti Bhawan on Plot No. 25

STATUS: The building is in the final stage of completion and partly allotted.